Registration for import of seeds

1320. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names and addresses of the companies/firms who have applied for registration with the National Seeds Corporation for import of seeds under clause 4.4.4 of New Policy on Seed Development, since it was announced last year;

(b) whether such companies have been granted permanent/provisional registration stating the terms of such registrations, company-wise;

(c) what are the norms laid down by the National Seed Corporation for grant of permanent/provisional registration; and

(d) what are the names of the companies whose applications for permanent/provisional registration are pending and since when and the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The names and addresses of the Companies/firms who have applied for registration are given at Annexure I. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure 90]

(b) The names and addresses of the companies/firms who have been granted registration are listed from S. No. 1 to 72 at annexure-I. The registration granted is valid for one year from the date of issue.

(c) For granting registration the following norms have been laid down:

(i) Filling of application in the prescribed form;

(ii) furnishing of information as required in the application form;

(iii) providing the required documents;

(iv) furnishing information on activities relating to production, marketing, handling etc. of seeds; and

(v) Payment of registration fees.

(d) The names of the companies whose applications for registration are pending the date of receipt of their application and the reasons for pendency are given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLI. Ann. No. 91]

Licence for import of seeds

1321. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any company/companies, including the public sector organisations, have applied for or sought clearance/recommendations for import of seed under the new seed policy on seed development and import; if so, the names of such companies and the quantum of import allowed company-wise and seed-wise, as on date;

(b) the names and addresses of the companies whose request for import or recommendations for such import are pending under the new Seed Import Policy;

(c) the guidelines laid down by Government for grant of import licences; and

(d) whether any company, including the public sector ones, imported hybrid seed since the new seed development policy was announced; if so, the particulars of such companies, quantum of import, names/kinds of seed, company of origin, company-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL-